

**Community Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes**  
April 21, 2006

The Community Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on April 21, 2006.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the committee were present: Lorenzo Arredondo (chair), Robert Altice, David Chidester and John Sharpnack.
2. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. **Minutes approved.** The minutes from the August 2005 meeting were approved.
4. **Report on National Center for Courts and Media workshop.** Jenny Bauer reported that the National Center for Courts and Media hosted a workshop for judges and journalists in Indianapolis on October 14, 2005. She assisted the NCCM in preparation for the workshop. Ms. Bauer further reported that 21 judges and 17 journalists attended the workshop. The workshop was a big success and NCCM pledged to return to Indiana in 2007 for a follow-up workshop.
5. **Bench/Media Guide Update.** Jenny Bauer reported that the Bench and Media Guide to Interaction is ready to be launched on the Indiana Supreme Court's website. She distributed a copy of the guide's home page and thanked the committee members for their help with editing. Ms. Bauer also distributed a draft press release and stated that the formal announcement about the website should happen in a few weeks. Ms. Bauer also thanked Steve Key, general counsel for the Hoosier State Press Association, for drafting many of the sections of the guide. The guide will be updated frequently.
6. **Media exposure for courts.** Judge Arredondo reported that the Supreme Court has many tools that courts can use for positive exposure of courts on the local level. In particular, he cited the juror video, courts in the classroom and Faces of Justice. Judge Arredondo also stated that the Supreme Court is also considering a pilot project to allow cameras in some courtrooms. He also reported that Chief Justice Shepard would like to see more air-time for courts on television public access programs. As a result, Judge Arredondo and David Remondini met with cable access representatives at Channel 16 (Indianapolis) to request that the station show some of the Supreme Court's videos. Channel 16 agreed to the request and is airing the videos during the early-morning hours.

7. **IJA Awards.** Judge Arredondo raised the issue of including magistrates or other judicial officers in the public education awards given annually by the Indiana Judges Association.
8. **Other business.** Judge Arredondo suggested helping judges record public service announcements as part of the Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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